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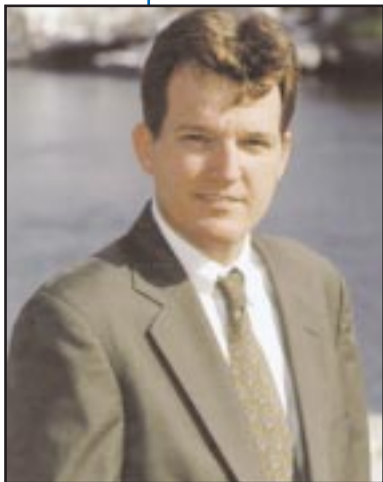


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City Traffic Line To Keep Drivers Up To Speed

The unprecedented economic growth coupled with the increasing number of visitors to our community represent great successes for our City.

Consequently, these victories can also present new challenges for the motorists traveling the roadways within the city limits of our Venice of America.

In just the last 12 months, an increased number of roadways have been inaccessible for brief periods of time to make room for growth and new developments.

City of Fort Lauderdale streets are serviced by not only our own departments, but by various county, state and private entities. In an effort to assist our

citizens in navigating our roadways during this time, the City has established a Traffic Information Line.

Motorists can dial **(954) 828-4750** for a recorded message updating the status of major roadway and bridge closures. Updates will list specific roadway information on each project including the estimated construction start date and the duration of the road closures that are located within the City's corporate limits.

The information provided is compiled through a cooperative effort among the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County Streets and Highways Division and the Florida Department of Transportation.

By providing this traveler's information service, the City is striving to keep motorists up to speed on important traffic closures in order to assist them in making travel plans.

We will continue to update the listing as additional information becomes available.

You can also visit the City's web site (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us) for street closures as they are updated on the Traffic Information Line recording.

We hope this user-friendly program serves as a valuable tool in your travel plans within our city limits.

In closing, we remind you to buckle up and drive safely.

Travel Info At Your Fingertips

Here Is What You'll Come Across On The Traffic Information Line

Wondering what road to travel? The right road is just a phone call away when you dial the City's Traffic Information Line **(954) 828-4750**.

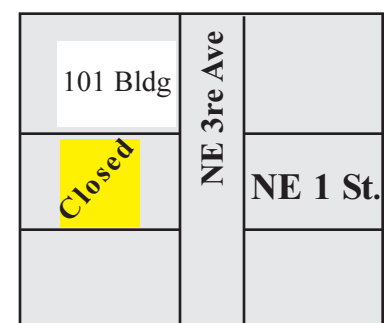
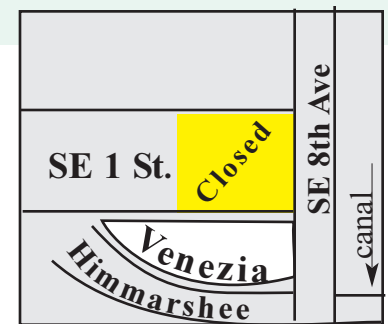
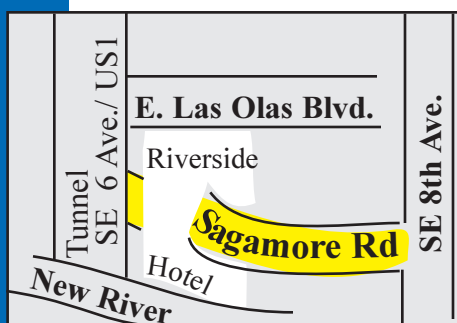
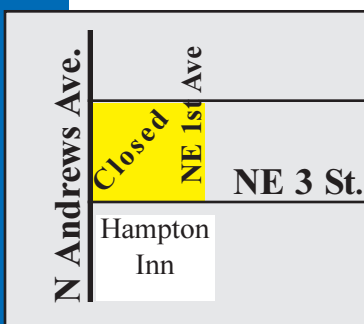
In an effort to illustrate some of the details that listeners will come across when they connect to the Traffic Information Line, here's a soundbite: According to Broward County Streets and Highways Division, the SE 3rd Avenue Bridge remains closed for preventative maintenance. The bridge will be closed until 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2001. Pedestrians and motorists will not be able to use the bridge during this time. Please follow the posted detour signs. Here are some additional spots to steer clear from at the following time periods:

The 100 block of NE 3rd Street will be closed until Jan 11, 2002.

The 600 block of Sagamore Road will remain closed until April 30, 2002;

The 700 block of SE 1st Street will be remain closed until April 2002.

The 200 block of NE 1st Street will be remain closed until August 15, 2001.



City Manager's Message



Floyd T. Johnson

Key Resources To Continued Success

We are fortunate that Fort Lauderdale remains such an inviting community with an economic vitality that continues to increase. All of the construction cranes may seem unsightly and a bit challenging to work around, but they are sure signs that investors find this to be a good place to stake their future.

The proposed FY 2001-2002 budget, presented in July, has been thoughtfully prepared to provide the resources essential to meeting the needs of Fort Lauderdale's residents, businesses and visitors. The budget package, totaling \$341 million, represents a one percent increase from the FY 2000/2001 originally adopted budget. The General Fund proposed budget is \$193.8 million or 8.4 percent more than the originally adopted General Fund budget for the current fis-

cal year. The proposed millage rate for operating and debt service purposes is 5.5664, which is the same combined rate as the City has levied since 1999. Guided by the policy decisions of the City Commission, the contents of this budget will serve as a blueprint for what the City intends to accomplish over the next 12 months.

Over the last few months, the Commission has given conceptual approval to a number of long-range efforts including the Water and Sewer Master Plan, the infrastructure support for private initiatives in the Northwest Progresso Flagler Heights Community Redevelopment Agency area, as well as the implementation of the goals developed by the Community Area Planning Central Area. Additionally, the

Commission has been presented with an accelerated recapitalization plan for general City facilities. The resources reflected in this budget address the City Commission's priorities in the areas of managing growth, supporting planned and completed capital projects, harnessing technology, and funding of critical public safety programs.

The public hearings for the proposed FY 2001/2002 budget will be held on September 12 and September 20 at City Hall.

The proposed budget can be viewed on the City's website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us). Copies of the document can be reviewed at any of the Broward County Library branches or by calling the City of Fort Lauderdale Research and Budget Office at (954) 828-5425.

Public Invited To Attend September 6 Airport Meeting

The City of Fort Lauderdale is updating Executive Airport's Master Plan and FAR Part 150 Noise Compatibility Study. These two studies will assist the City in evaluating and updating Airport programs to meet future aviation demands while considering the needs and concerns of the community.

The next meeting of the Master Plan and Part 150 Coordinating Committee (MPPCC) is scheduled for September 6, at 7 p.m. at the Florida Atlantic University Campus located at 1515 West Commercial Blvd. While this particular meeting will be conducting as a working session of the MPPCC, the public is invited to attend and learn about the progress of the Master Plan and Part 150 Study.

For more information about the Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport Master Plan and Part 150 Noise Study Updates, call (954) 938-4966 or visit the City's web site (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us/FXE).



Visit Fort Lauderdale Online at www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us

City Offers CERTain Skills For Disaster Preparedness

Emergency services personnel are trained and equipped to handle crisis situations. Following a catastrophic disaster like Hurricane Andrew, citizens may find themselves unable to obtain services for a period of time because of the size of the area, lost communications, or impassable roads.

In 1996, the City implemented the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) model to improve community self-reliance and survival ability through training in the event of a large natural disaster.

With Hurricane season under way, the next installment of CERT begins August 15 and runs until September 26, 2001. The classes will take place on Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fire-Rescue Training Bureau, 2000 NE 16th St. CERT classes provide free training by City Fire-Rescue personnel. To register for the CERT class, call (954) 396-3615.

We've had over 500 citizens participate in the CERT series," said **Fire-Rescue Lieutenant Eric Pologruto**. "Currently, we have approximately 300 active members, all of whom belong to 15 different CERT teams, but it is vital to the safety of our entire community to establish CERT teams in every neighborhood."

At right, a CERT member demonstrates safe debris removal.



At left, a CERT team member practices fire suppression with a fire extinguisher.



Ensuring Communications During, After A Disaster

Hurricane Andrew's aftermath provided public safety experts with critical ammunition toward the development of technology that provides continuous access to communication services during and after a natural disaster.

With the aid of a \$47,300 grant awarded by the Florida Department of Community Affairs Division of Emergency Management, the City of Fort Lauderdale is funding and installing state-of-the-art communications equipment known as radio repeaters. The installation of these repeaters at key locations throughout the City will serve to increase the coverage of Public Services Department communications in the event that a devastating windstorm or natural disaster were to cause a communications failure with the City's primary radio system. The repeaters are designed to survive a catastrophic event enabling the City's emergency clean-up crews to be dispatched where they are needed.

"The Police and Fire-Rescue Department have access to County radio systems to use in the case of a disaster. This is the first time we have been able to provide similar resources to our Public Services operations," said **Mark Pallans, Telecommunications Manager**.

"The City of Fort Lauderdale is committed to effective and efficient public safety and Emergency Management operations," said **Fire-Rescue Chief Otis Latin**. "The objective for installing this technology is to ensure that all possible measures of effective emergency communications services are in place during a natural disaster. This grant permits us to meet that objective in a cost effective and efficient manner."

Youth Get Hands-On Opportunity To Explore A Career In Fire-Rescue

Just a few spots remain in Explorer Post 713 for teens who are looking for an opportunity to learn the ropes of being a paramedic/firefighter.

The Fort Lauderdale Fire-Rescue Department is leading an open enrollment for 8th and 9th graders interested in joining the City's local group. Conducted by City Fire-Rescue staff, the Post provides participants with the opportunity to experience the same training



as professional firefighters. Explorers meet on a weekly basis, every Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Station 13, located at 2871 E. Sunrise Blvd. To join call Jorge Mederos at (954) 828-6503 or e-mail the post at Explorerpost713@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us.

Active members of Explorers Post 713 obtain instruction from City Fire-Rescue staff on how to work with a fire hose.



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City Manager Floyd T. Johnson meets with citizens during one of the CAP workshops.

Community Planning

*September 12 Forum
Offers South Area Stakeholders
Opportunity To Vote
On Community Vision*

The Community Area Planning (CAP) initiative continues to make strides the City's South Area.

The South Area, a seven square mile area comprised of 12,782 properties representing 14 neighborhood associations and 12 business associations, is bounded on the north by Broward Blvd., on the west by the City's corporate limits, on the south by I-595, and on the east by U.S.-1.

On September 12, the second in a series of community forums will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Morton Activity Center at Floyd Hull Stadium, 2800 SW 8th Ave. The public is invited to this open house meeting to review and vote on the goals gathered from eight community workshops held throughout this summer. Stakeholders will vote on each of the goals based on both the priority for the community, and the order in which the City is to address each. Goals obtaining a minimum number of votes as predetermined by the Community Leadership Committee will advance to the next stage for development of implementation strategies and cost estimates. For more information, please contact the Office of Community and Comprehensive Planning at (954) 762-8964 or email (cap@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us).

Special Commission Meeting Set

A special City Commission meeting has been planned for August 28 at 2 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber at City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. During that meeting, the City Commission will meet as the Board of Commissioners for the Beach Community Redevelopment Agency. Other related items may be discussed at that time.

Other Schedule Changes

The following City Commission schedule changes were made to accommodate the September holidays being observed. Commission meetings for September will take place as follows:

Wednesday, September 5, 2001

2 p.m. Conference Agenda Meeting (held in the 8th floor Conference Room.)

6 p.m. Regular Agenda Meeting (held in the 1st floor Commission Chambers)

Thursday, September 20, 2001

2 p.m. Conference Agenda Meeting (held in the 8th floor Conference Room.)

6 p.m. Regular Agenda Meeting (held in the 1st floor Commission Chambers)

The second and final budget hearing will be heard as part of the 6 p.m. agenda. All meetings may be viewed live online at www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us



Crash Course In Emergency Planning For Home, Business, Family

How ready is our community to survive a natural disaster, such as a hurricane?

The City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County Emergency Management and the Broward Chapter of the American Red are collaborating to offer a free course titled "Emergency Preparedness - Are You Ready, Willing and Able?" Interested participants can choose from one of three class sessions scheduled for August 28, 29 and 30. All classes will be held from 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on the 8th floor of City Hall, located at 100 North Andrews Avenue. The sessions are designed to provide residents, civic groups, neighborhood organizations and small businesses specific emergency preparing methods and guidelines in the event of a hurricane. Session topics scheduled are as follows:

August 28

*The Big Picture:
Preparedness Systems,
Jurisdictions, Agencies,
Policies and Issues -
Better understand the
plans, systems, agencies
and operations that are
part of the preparedness
and response infrastruc-
ture of our community.*

August 29

*The Season: Hurricanes
101 - Before, During and
After a Storm*
Take a look at hurricanes from different perspectives: meteorologist, insurance agent, media and property owner. Speakers include representatives from each industry.

August 30

*The Important Point:
Readiness Starts at
Home, With You!*
This session will deal with the basics of preparedness - individual responsibilities, resources and recovery at the household and neighborhood level.

Class size is limited to space available. Interested participants are asked to fill out and return a brief application that can be obtained by contacting Leslie G. Carhart at (954) 762-8962 or by downloading from the City's website at (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us). Submit applications by August 20 to: Leslie G. Carhart; 634 Northeast 3rd Ave. (2nd floor); Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304

Conserve Despite Afternoon Summer Rain



The City of Fort Lauderdale and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) continue to remind citizens to *Turn It Off!* Lawn sprinkler systems should be turned off after periods of rainfall during the rainy season which is from May through November.

This effort, combined with other water conservation, storage enhancement activities and rainfall accumulation, will help replenish the region's serious water supply shortage caused by record low rainfalls over the past 18 months.

The months of May, June, July, August and September are typically the wettest months of the year in South Florida accounting for 50-60 percent of total yearly rainfall, according to statistics reported by SFWMD. However, these months also have high evaporation rates. Furthermore, Lake Okeechobee loses approximately two-tenths of an inch per day to evaporation during the summer, according to District meteorologists.

What's more, water is also lost to evapotranspiration - the process by which plants take in water through their roots and then give it off through the leaves as a by-product of respiration. As a result, it is important to maintain a critical eye for ways to continue conserving despite the summer rainfall. It is critical if we are to help replenish our water supply deficit.

Because landscape irrigation accounts for about one-half to two-thirds of the water used every day throughout our communities, here is a quick tip regarding lawn watering:

Turn off sprinklers when it rains!

The two-day-a-week lawn watering restrictions are still in place and enforced. However, lawns only need watering every two to three days in the summer. A heavy rain eliminates the need for watering for up to a week, conserving an enormous amount of water. If it rains one-half inch, your lawn can skip a sprinkler watering day; if it rains 1 inch, skip a week; and if it rains more than 1 inch, skip more than week. If roughly 500,000 home-sprinkler systems were turned off each time it rains, over one billion gallons of water would be saved.

LakeRidge Homeowners Make It A Point To Recycle

Here's a some news to use that will guarantee neighborhood groups recycling points and cash incentives toward this fall's Recycling Incentive Awards.

The LakeRidge Homeowner's Association committed their members and Friday nights to collecting recyclables at all of the Bank of America Starlight Musicals. During one evening's collection alone, members collected enough recyclable glass to fill two 65 gallon carts. In addition, homeowner's collected enough cans and plastic bottles to fill seven 45 gallon bags. For more tips, contact **Casey Eckels**, Recycling Coordinator at **(954) 828-5577**.

For The Environment

The next City of Fort Lauderdale Recycle Corps meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers on the 8th floor of City Hall, 100 N. Andrews Ave. A variety of topics will be addressed. Parking is available in the City Hall parking garage on the east side of the building. For more information, contact **Casey Eckels**, Recycling Coordinator at **(954) 828-5577**.



Appearing, from left to right, are Lake Ridge Homeowners Association residents Tom Thatcher and Gail and Steve Jacobson leading a civic-generated recycling drive during the Bank of America Starlight musicals in July. Youths Jeremy Rubenstein and Madelayne Rozada are shown recycling beverage cans at the site.

Zero In On Xeriscaping

techniques. Designed as a self-guided tour, the garden is located at the entrance of the building, located at 4321 NW 9th Avenue (Powerline Road). The garden's featured plant selection reflects the lush exotic image associated with Florida and the various irrigation techniques adaptable for any size garden.

The City of Fort Lauderdale encourages citizens to visit the Fivash Water Treatment Plant Demonstration Xeriscape Garden for tips on water conserving irrigation and plant selection techniques.



Wingate Landfill Clean-Up Enters Final Phase

The cleanup process at the Wingate Road Landfill, 1300 NW 31st Avenue, has entered the final phase with the installation of the protective liner.

"This is reason to celebrate," said **Greg Kisela**, Assistant City Manager. "A very long, yet successful, process is finally coming to a close. In just a few weeks, we will return a clean and economically viable piece of property back to the community."

Cleanup crews have taken extra precautions for security, safety and dust control as they follow the Environmental Protection Agency's remedy for the Wingate Road Landfill and incinerator.

"Additional water tanker-trucks have been brought onsite to control dust during the recent drought conditions," said Kisela. "The success continues to be confirmed by the most recent air monitoring test results that show no presence of contaminants in the air since the start of cleanup process."

The EPA's cleanup plan centers around a multi-layered closure system, with a high-density, geosynthetic membrane and cover soil. This system, which is the EPA solution used successfully at similar Superfund sites around the country, will prevent human contact with landfill material and protect drinking water supplies. Thirty years of monitoring is also a part of the plan. The Federal District Court in Fort Lauderdale, following a hearing at which all interested parties commented, formally accepted the plan in December 1999.

The geosynthetic membrane will cover about 36.5 acres of the 60-acre site. Once

the liner is in place, work crews will cover it with 18 inches of clean soil, 6 inches of topsoil and finally seed and mulch or sod.

Kisela said the EPA's plan has been reviewed, improved at the community's request, and reviewed again before the ultimate approval in federal court nearly a year ago. The private companies participating in the cleanup have established a community outreach program to gather suggestions and input from neighborhood residents and keep them informed throughout the cleanup process, which is expected to be completed this fall.

"The Community Advisory Council has made every effort to inform and hear concerns from homeowner groups and individuals around Wingate," said **Kassandra Barnes**, co-chair of the Community Advisory Council. "We want to make sure the site is cleaned up and transformed into something that will benefit the community."

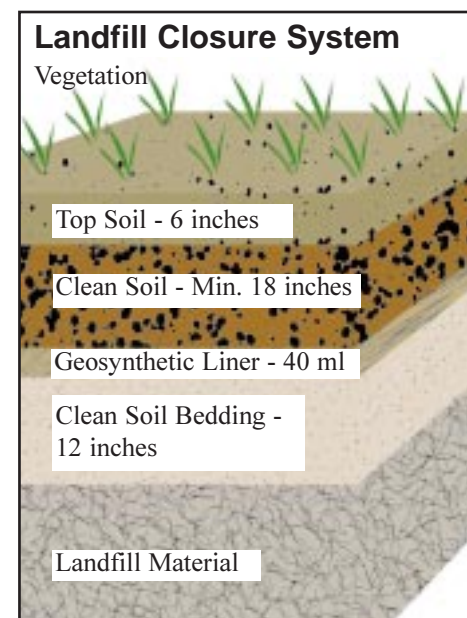
Other residents have been just as enthusiastic. **Ozzie Davenport**, a neighbor who has been contracted to oversee security at the site, said he was thrilled to see crews installing the synthetic liner.

"I took the job out of retirement because I wanted to keep an eye on the progress everyday and report what I saw to the community," said Davenport. "The cleanup team has done a wonderful job with the site and responding to our concerns. Overall, they did what they promised."



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Greg Kisela, Assistant City Manager, City of Fort Lauderdale



Beach Community Center Opens Offering Something for Everyone

Low and high impact aerobics, language classes, basic computer training plus a schedule comprised of more than 20 additional offerings gives residents lots of reasons to visit the Beach Community Center!



The Beach Community Center, located at 3351 NE 33rd Street, opened its doors on June 20 for a ribbon cutting ceremony that attracted more than 500 citizens. The open house for the 12,000 square foot facility included the placement of a time capsule and a tour of the building highlighting the amenities and summer class offerings.

“The Beach Community Center was constructed on the first property purchased as part of the Parks Bond Program,” said **Vince Gizzi**, Superintendent of Special Facilities. “The center is result of a wonderful partnership between the community, the North Broward Hospital District, Goodwill Industries and the City of Fort Lauderdale.”



Visitors to the center will find a wide variety of amenities including a large lobby and sitting area equipped with a reception desk; a spacious social hall;

a full-service catering kitchen complete with ice machine and food warmers; a meeting room that includes dividers for transformation into two classrooms; a computer room equipped with 12 stations; a fitness room featuring wood aerobic floors, a locker room with showers, restrooms and an outdoor patio area complete with decorative benches. A \$25,000 donation from the North Broward Hospital District provided for enhancements and upgrades to the fitness room, and Goodwill Industries donated a variety of computer equipment.

“The facility's recreation curriculum will offer a wide range of classes designed to improve the quality of citizens' lives mentally, physically and socially,” said **Steve Person**, Superintendent of Recreation.

The Center's summer classes kicked-off with a variety of wellness and fitness programs offered by Imperial Point Medical Center staff, as well as computer classes sponsored by Goodwill Industries. This fall, watch for an expanded curriculum providing dance, art, floral arranging and fitness classes. For youth, art and Dance Sport classes will be offered as well as a Halloween Pumpkin Design Workshop. Plus, a Big Band Dance is planned for October 23. For additional information contact Facility Manager Judy Thom at (954) 828-4610 or the Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Offices at (954) 828-PARK (7275).

The unveiling of the Beach Community Center attracted a crowd of more than 500 citizens. City officials and representatives from Goodwill Industries and North Broward Hospital District partnered to unveil the amenities, summer class offerings and future plans for classes.

Free Transportation Includes Beach Center

On July 9th, a free community bus program added a route servicing the Galt, North Beach, Coral Ridge Towers and surrounding communities.

The City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County Transit (BCT) are offering this free air-conditioned and wheelchair accessible service to increase the number of destinations within city limits. The service route runs north and south from N.E. 41st Street to N.E. 20th Street, and east and west along Oakland Park Boulevard from A1A to the Coral Ridge Mall. The service also serves as a connecting service to BCT routes 10, 11, 20, 36, 55, 62 and 72. The service, which operates 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, will provide transportation access to areas including the new Beach Community Center, Coral Ridge Mall, movie theatres, restaurants, medical offices, pharmacies and local businesses. The route runs For more information about this new program, please contact **Horace McHugh**, Assistant to the City Manager, at **828-7875**.



Promoting Community Solutions

With communities growing by leaps and bounds, many municipalities are still challenged by a lack of code compliance that is compounded by the need to find methods that demystify the layers of South Florida Building Codes and municipal code ordinances to their citizens.



The City of Fort Lauderdale and its neighborhoods don't worry about encountering those challenges because the Community Inspections Bureau serves as a resource of information to citizens, and operates with the approach that promotes solutions rather than citations.

"It's all about providing effective and user-friendly tools that help our citizens understand the standards that are in place for the purpose of promoting safe structures, healthy surroundings and thriving neighborhoods," said **Lori J. Milano**, Community Inspections Bureau **Director**.

Through proactive approaches that are designed to foster a working relationship with citizens, the Community Inspections Bureau promotes awareness and an understanding of codes and ordinances as they relate to zoning, minimum housing codes, marine issues and sanitation-related challenges. **The Bureau consists of a diversified team of building inspectors, code compliance inspectors, occupational license inspectors and police officers who serve the community as an infinite resource of information.**

"We are committed to working through those issues that present a challenge to citizens in terms of bringing housing up to code, to prevent property values from declining, and to reduce, prevent or displace criminal activity - all factors that can have a detrimental affect on the quality of life of a neighborhood," said Milano.

The positive impact that the Community Inspections Bureau can have on a community is dependent upon the cooperation and commitment it receives from residents. That is a key to the mystery behind promoting an understanding of code ordinances in the community and an approach to dissolving the confusion related to keeping communities up to code. **To obtain additional information about the Community Inspections Bureau and their services, call (954) 828-5207 or visit the City's website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us).**

Community Inspections Bureau At Your Service

The bureau performs more than 57,000 building inspections and more than **127,000 code** inspections in any given year. But, did you know that they also provide the following services?

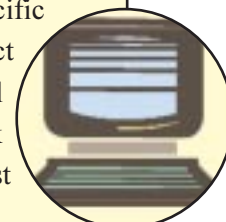
Heading Off Challenges

Pre-Sale Surveys are an invaluable tool for prospective buyers and sellers that consist of an on-site inspection of a building and research of the property records. Visible code violations, alterations to the original floor plans and structural work performed without permits are noted after a comparison with the property's permit and microfilm history. Fees are applicable.



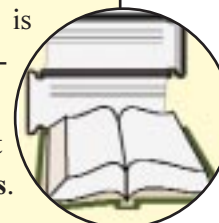
Surfing For Solutions

The City of Fort Lauderdale website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us) addresses all types of issues to help become familiar with specific ordinances, tips for maintaining standards and important contact information. These issues and others including educational opportunities for citizens looking to get a more in-depth look into ordinances on structural and community standards are just a few keystrokes away.



Education On The Rise

Last year, the City's Neighborhood Leadership College and the Community Inspections Bureau collaborated to offer residents a curriculum **that provides an understanding of code ordinances and compliance issues**. This free course, to be offered again in the fall, is designed to provide citizens with a step-by-step guide to understanding code ordinances and the keys to ensuring that properties are developed, used and maintained in a manner that assures public health, safety and welfare in respect to **all codes**.



Stay tuned for dates.

Hands-On Solutions

Inspectors are committed to serving citizens which is why it is not unusual to observe them volunteering to help a citizen in need. In one of its efforts to promote community involvement, the staff volunteered a weekend to paint and perform minor repairs to a citizen's home. The outcome of this particular project transformed a challenge into a visually enhanced property that served as motivation for other citizens and community leaders to jump in and help a neighborhood in need.



New Parking Hours For Beach Lots

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parking Services Division is asking all motorists who park in any one of the following three municipal parking lots on the beach, to note the recent lot and meter closing time changes currently in effect.



The following municipal parking lots will close at 2 a.m. daily:

1- Las Olas Intracoastal Parking Lot

located on the Intracoastal waterway and beside the Las Olas Boulevard bridge is open from **7 a.m. until 2 a.m.**, all vehicles must be out of the lot by 2 a.m. daily;

2. South Beach Parking Lot (located on the beach, east of Bahia Mar on A-1-A) is open from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m. daily. Vehicles are admitted into the lot between the hours of **6 a.m. and midnight**, all vehicles must be out of the lot by 2 a.m. daily;

3. Oceanside Beach Parking Lot, located on A-1-A and Las Olas Boulevard is open from **6 a.m. until 2 a.m.**, all vehicles must be out of the lot by 2 a.m. daily.

The City's Parking Services Division has posted additional signs at the entrance of each of these lots in addition to on the multi-space parking meters in the Las Olas Intracoastal and Oceanside Parking lots to further inform the public. Each evening Parking Services Division employees are distributing informational flyers to the public as they enter the lots.

Failure to comply with the posted hours will result in a parking citation. Towing of vehicles parked in these lots after the posted 2 a.m. lot closing time is being considered by the City. At this time, the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the Parking Services Division are enforcing the lot closing times.

Other Parking Changes To Note:

* Parking meters along **Birch Road** east of the Las Olas Intracoastal Parking Lot now prohibit parking after 2 a.m. daily. Signs have been placed by these meters as well as on the meters indicating the 2 a.m. limit.

* **Almond Avenue**, located one block west of A-1-A off Las Olas Blvd. is no longer a parking option. All of the parking meters have been removed and signs on Almond Avenue have been placed designating the area as a Tow Away Zone.

For additional information contact the Parking Services Division at **(954) 828-3700**.

ATTENTION!
**New Hours of Operation
In Effect
For Three City Parking Lots
On the Beach**

The hours of operation for the following municipal parking lots have changed. Failure to exit the parking lot at the times indicated will result in parking citations and possibly towing of your vehicles.

1- Las Olas Intracoastal Parking Lot

(located east of the Intracoastal and south of the Las Olas Boulevard bridge)
Hours of operation: **7 a.m. until 2 a.m.**;

2. South Beach Parking Lot

(located on Fort Lauderdale beach, east of Bahia Mar on A-1-A)
Hours of operation: **6 a.m. until midnight**;
Admission into the lot will cease at midnight.

3. Oceanside Beach Parking Lot (located on A-1-A and Las Olas Boulevard east of the Intracoastal)

Hours of operation: **7 a.m. until 2 a.m.**

Are You On The *More Out Of Life* Mailing List?



From arts to athletics, camps to concerts, and classes to after school offerings, your Parks and Recreation Department has a wide range of fall offerings scheduled through December 31st.

Hundreds of activities, programs and classes are held throughout the City's parks and community centers and they are all listed in the *More Out Of Life* guide. New copies will be available beginning in September. In order to receive one in the mail, you must be on the *More Out Of Life* mailing list.

Call **(954) 828-6686** to have a free copy of the fall *More Out Of Life* mailed to the address of your choice. Because space in most camps is limited, representatives suggest that families register now.

Smooth Operator

City Takes The Wheel On Developing Safe Teen Drivers

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with a state certified program offered by The New Driver Car Control Clinic is offering a way for teens to become safe motorists with the Smooth Operator Program this fall.

The Smooth Operator Program © is a three-part driver education and training course that provides three modules:

Module I, "Road Signs, Road Rules & Road Rage", is a three-hour session covering basic information required to pass the Department of Motor Vehicle test to receive a Learner's Permit.

Module II, "Traffic Laws and Substance Abuse Education", is a five-hour module covering the state-mandated study of traffic laws, with emphasis on alcohol and substance abuse and

vehicle operation. Each student will receive the Certificate of Completion required to obtain a Learner's Permit.

Module III, "The New Driver Car Control Clinic", is a four-hour, hands-on, in-car driving clinic. It teaches key accident avoidance and defensive driving maneuvers.

Four weekend sessions will be offered at Lockhart Stadium, 1350 NW 55th Street, throughout the fall on the following dates:

Module I - Fridays, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., September 14, 28, October 12, 26;

Module II - Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., September 15, 29, October 13, 27

Module III - Sundays, two sessions available daily, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1p.m. -5 p.m., September 30, October 14, 28, November 11.



The cost of the Smooth Operator Program is \$120 for the complete three module course including 12 hours of education and training, plus all training materials and certificates of completion. For additional information on this program and additional session dates offered, please contact **Barbara Barber** at **(954) 762-8945** at the City of Fort Lauderdale, or dial **1- 888-385-0606**.

City Commission Approves Tax Break For Seniors

During the July 17 City Commission meeting, elected officials adopted an ordinance that offers seniors an added tax relief.

Seniors who own their own homes in the City of Fort Lauderdale, and who earn a combined household income not exceeding \$20,000, can claim a second \$25,000 homestead exemption that will apply to the City's portion of the tax bill.

What this means is that the owner of a \$150,000 home who qualifies for the senior homestead exemption would save \$137.52 in City taxes.

The Senior Homestead Exemption is for individuals who are at least 65 years old and will be applied to the November 2002 tax bills.

Seniors who live in their homes will be able to claim a \$25,000 homestead exemption in addition to the Broward County \$25,000 homestead exemption for a total \$50,000 tax exemption.

To qualify, seniors will need to fill out a form known as a *Sworn Statement of Adjusted Gross Income of Household* that will be available from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office website at (www.bcpa.net). Senior can also obtain the form by visiting the office located at the Broward County Governmental Center, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 111-F. There is no need to rush however, the Property Appraiser's Office will not be accepting applications for the November 2002 bills until January 2002. Following is a brief overview of what documents you'll need.



* If you file a tax return each year, submit a copy of the 2000 Income Tax Return Form 1040 and W-2 for all persons residing in the home (excluding renters and boarders) to the Property Appraiser's Office.

* If you do not file an income tax return, complete IRS Form 4506 along with the Sworn Statement of Adjusted Gross Income of Household, proof of age and a copy of your Social Security Statement (SSA 1099) no later than June 1, 2002. The social security office will send you your SSA 1099 by February 1, 2002. All form will need to be submitted before March 1, 2002.



Community Support Division Police Officers set up a kiosk at the Walgreens store on Sunrise Boulevard and N.E. 15th St. for the monthly Shop With Cops series. Police Officers are available to provide citizens with bicycle registration, theft-prevention give-aways and more.

Talking “Shop With Cops”

New Beat Keeps Customers Up To Speed With Community Policing

It's a win-win situation.

After only two months on the beat, “Shop With Cops” is offering business venues a great value for little space.

They get police presence on the grounds which sends a message to deviants; police officers reach a segment of the population that they may not encounter at civic meetings or municipal gatherings; and citizens are provided with a more casual environment to get to know local police officers and the services they offer.

Designed as another community policing strategy to bring the Police Department and the public closer together, Shop With Cops provides a venue for police officers to set up in an open area of a local business to take police reports, register bicycles and assist with general information, such as crime prevention and recruiting. More importantly, officers will be available to discuss issues of concern in the neighborhood.

For a complete listing of the upcoming month's Shop With Cops site or to get involved as a business, contact the Community Support Division at (954) 759-6400 or visit the City's website (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us).

Keeping Your Cool Auto From Becoming **Hot**

The City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in conjunction with the Broward County Chiefs of Police Association, will host a free vehicle identification number (VIN) Etching and Club Giveaway program at J.C. Carter Park on Sunday, September 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carter Park is located at 1450 West Sunrise Blvd.

Free steering wheel locking devices will also be available to those who drive one of the most commonly stolen vehicles.

For more information about other auto theft prevention measures or other events, please

contact Fort Lauderdale Police **Detective Ed Robinson** at (954) 828-5519.

TOP 10 Most Commonly Stolen Vehicles

Honda Accord
Toyota Camry
Oldsmobile Cutlass
Honda Civic CRX
Ford Mustang
Toyota Corolla
Chevrolet full-size pickup
Nissan Maxima
Jeep Cherokee
Ford F150 series pickup

Train To Gain ...

Landlord/Tenant Training

Don't miss the next Landlord/Tenant Training, Wednesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Community Support Division Office, 1113 East Sunrise Boulevard. Topics include keeping illegal activity out of your property, screening applicants, the Federal Fair Housing Act, Section 8 Housing and more. Certificates of attendance will be issued upon completion of the course. The workshop is open to all interested. Captain Kiley and Sergeant Kridos of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department will be presenting the class. For additional information, contact (954) 759-6428 for and to register for this free class.

Hotel/Motel Training

The next Hotel/Motel Training session will be offered Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Community Support Division Office, 1113 East Sunrise Boulevard. Topics include statutes, definitions, rules and regulations pertaining to hotels and motels. Keeping illegal activity out of public lodging establishments, ongoing management, crisis resolution, city resources, legal bulletins and evictions, will be discussed. Call (954) 759-6428 to register and for more information on this free class.

License Plate Theft Protection

The License Plate Theft Prevention Program continues to provide anti-theft tools for motorists of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., while supplies last, at the Fort Lauderdale Community Support Division Office, 1113 East Sunrise Boulevard. The Police Department is distributing special screws, free of charge, that are created to prevent the theft of license plates. The screws are affixed with a regular screwdriver, but can only be removed with a special tool. For more information, please call **Alisa Cappuzzello, Project Director**, at the Police Department at (954) 759-6433.





Summer JAM Series Serves Up Motivational Youth Activities

A few hundreds teens participated in this summer's Project JAM (Juvenile Alternative Motivation) that was conducted out of Sunrise Middle School and Fort Lauderdale High School.

Project JAM, funded by state and federally awarded grants, is administered by City of Fort Lauderdale Police Officers and is designed each summer to provide middle and school age youth with a family oriented program consisting of organized athletics, the fine arts and educational development.

For additional information about the program, please call **(954) 759-6428**.

Keep An Eye On Crime

Crime Watch is a crime prevention program designed to involve the community in combating crime. The Community Policing Support Division Office takes the lead in implementing this program. Crime Watch is designed not only to encourage increased citizen involvement when reporting criminal activity in the community, but also to expedite the exchange of information from the concerned citizen to our police personnel. As a Crime Watch member, participants are assigned an identification number. When calling to report activity, refer to the identification number. This facilitates the handling of the call. If you, or someone you know, has any information about criminal activity, we are asking for your assistance by calling **(954) 828-5700** in a non-emergency situation, or call 9-1-1 in an emergency. Call the Community Support Division Office at **(954) 759-6428** or e-mail RosaV@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us for a membership form and to obtain information.

Business Matters

How do your business practices measure up in today's market?

The City of Fort Lauderdale is on the Planning Committee for the 1st Annual Economic Development Best Practice Recognition Program which is being co-sponsored by Florida Atlantic University and the Broward Alliance.

The awards program is designed to recognize effective and innovative management strategies and work techniques that result in practical solutions and superior performance for economic development. All companies, whether small or large, are eligible to apply. Applications will be available beginning August 13 and can be obtained from Eve Bazer by calling **(954) 828-4505**. Application deadline is September 21st and there is a \$35 entry fee required. The winner will be presented at the annual Broward Alliance luncheon to take place in the fall.

Promoting Business Sense

Most municipalities strive to provide their business community with the tools and resources to succeed. The City of Fort Lauderdale is dedicated to digging beyond the surface for contacts and incentive programs. In an effort to provide small business owners and potential entrepreneurs with an edge in the competitive market, the City has allocated \$15,000 and formed a partnership with the Florida Atlantic University Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to provide consulting and training seminars free of charge. The following is a list of the upcoming educational opportunities being offered.

Prospecting The Right Cold Call

"Warming Up Cold Calls with Profitable Prospecting Techniques," is designed to instruct small business owners on how to acquire referrals, utilizing referrals properly and other prospecting methods to build business relationships and gain new customers. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, August 28 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the 8th floor conference room of City Hall, located at 100 N. Andrews Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. To register call **(954) 828-4751**. The seminar will cover a wide range of topics including: Why you feel the way you do about cold calling; how to develop a network of potential customers; maintaining mutually profitable relationships; creating a selling system that works.

Keys to Business Plans

"Introduction to a Business Plan," a free workshop designed to provide small businesses with tips on resources and factors to include in a business plan, will take place on Tuesday, September 25, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the 8th floor conference room of City Hall, located at 100 N. Andrews Ave. Individuals will learn what is a business plan and why write one?; what are bankers looking for in a business plan?; the general categories of a business plan; key financial analysis factors; resources for business plans; and more. To register call **(954) 828-4752**.



Around Town

Summer Sports Camp

Only two sessions remain for the 2001 O'Brien Summer Sports Camp. Under the direction of 2000 U.S. Olympic Coach Tim O'Brien and staff, this recreational camp features a variety of water and beach activities for youth ranging 5 to 12 years of age. Participating campers are divided into groups based on age and take part in springboard and platform jumping and diving, snorkeling, volleyball, soccer, flag football, kickball, arts and crafts and more. All staff on site are safety certified. Remaining sessions end August 24 and are scheduled for Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arrangements for early drop-off and late pick-up schedules can be made. Fees for the camp are \$160 per week, with discounts available to those who register more than one child in a session or for those who sign up for more than one session. To register or to receive additional information contact Tim O'Brien at (954) 768-0093.

Aquatic Workouts

Water aerobics is a growing fitness trend, and the City of Fort Lauderdale Swimming Hall of Fame Aquatic Complex is the ideal site to get you started, even for non-swimmers. This fun workout, led by certified lifeguards, is designed to improve muscle tone, heart and lung capacity. Held at the complex, 501 Seabreeze Blvd; it is affordable for all with prices starting at \$3 per class. A 10-session pass is available for \$25. Morning classes are 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Sunday through Friday. Summer evening classes take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m.

For Soccer Fans To Close Out The Season At Lockhart Stadium

Lockhart Stadium closes a sizzling summer of soccer as the official home site of the Fusion's 2001 Major League Soccer team. Fusion tickets are available with prices starting at \$6 for groups of 15 or more.

For tickets or additional team or game information, call 1-888-FUSION-4. Lockhart Stadium is located at 5300 NW 12th Ave.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>
Sat., August 18	7:30 p.m.	Dallas
Sat., August 25	7:30 p.m.	NY/NJ Metro Stars



October
Ed Calle

November
Hot Brass Monkey

SunTrust Jazz Brunch

Don't miss the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch, showcasing South Florida's finest jazz entertainers on five stages, and plenty of local cuisine for purchase on the first Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event extends from Las Olas Riverfront to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts. For more information call the hotline at (954) 828-5985 or visit the City's web site (www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us).

September: Valerie Z. (shown above at right); Oop Bop, Sh'Bam with Jeff Taylor; Leo Casino & the Florida Players; Tommy Nehls Trio; Randy Singer

October: E.J. and Company (shown at right); Eric Alison Dixie Land Band; Karen Shane; Bob Folse; Ben Champion.



For Residents Only

A special collection of specific household electronics is being conducted on Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., through September 15 at the Broward County North Trash Transfer Station, 2780 N. Powerline Road in Pompano Beach. Materials accepted include televisions, computer monitors, keyboards, modems, cables, printers, copiers and telephones. Trash, debris and appliances are not accepted. Only recyclable items or recoverable usable components are accepted, non-recyclable materials remaining will be disposed of in a safe manner. For more information, call (954) 765-4202 (ext. 226) during business hours. Proof of residency is required at time of drop off.



Fall Family Fun

Enjoy live music by the water on the first Friday of the month. The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department and Bank of America will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in October with a brand new concert series - **The Bank of America Starlights on the River**. Ed Calle is the featured musician on October 5 performing 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. from the DDA Plaza amphitheater located on the corner of East Las Olas Boulevard and Andrews Avenue. A new performer will highlight the stage on the first Friday of every month for a free concert along the water. In November, don't miss Hot Brass Monkey followed by a line-up of your favorite local musicians. These unique performances are intended for the entire family. A variety of food and beverages will be available for purchase. Beach blankets, chairs and picnic baskets are welcome. Plenty of parking is available at the City Park Garage located on S.E. 1st Avenue east of Broward County Main Library Branch. For additional information, call the dedicated hotline at **(954) 828-6500**.

Catch The Fever!

Trade Mercury Thermometers For Free Digital Type

In an effort to promote the awareness of National Pollution Prevention Week, September 16-22, residents are encouraged to trade-in their mercury thermometers for a free digital thermometer.

A mercury thermometer exchange drive will take place that week by the Broward County Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (DPEP) at Broward County's Main Library in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Supplies are limited and only one digital thermometer will be given per household. However, there are no limits on the number of mercury thermometers that can be turned in for proper disposal.



To participate, bring your mercury thermometers in the original case or wrapped in tissue, placed in a sturdy box, and enclosed in a zip lock bag to the main library branch located at 100 S. Andrews Avenue. For additional information on other sites throughout Broward County, call **(954) 357-7444**.

The exchange is considered a vital event in preserving the future of the environment. Recent findings revealed that mercury has been found in the

tissue of Florida fish and other wildlife like the Florida Panther. Also, it has been estimated that one-third of the mercury entering the atmosphere originates from the incineration of mercury-containing products disposed of in the trash.

Although mercury thermometers are not harmful when used properly, they pose a threat to human health and the environment when broken or disposed of as trash. For more information, call **Kay Sommers** at **(954) 519-1257** or the hotline at **(954) 519-1458**.

Neighborhood Getaway

The 5th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference 2001 is scheduled for September 7 - 8, 2001 in the City of Orlando.

City of Fort Lauderdale residents interested in attending are asked to work with City staff in coordinating group transportation as part of the community experience in attending the annual weekend event. The conference, is a networking opportunity for citizens with two days of workshops and events to promote information exchange. Last year, Fort Lauderdale hosted the event and spotlighted local neighborhoods and explored the development and exchange of strategies to build and strengthen neighborhoods. A similar curriculum is planned for the 2001 conference including more than 30 workshop sessions; 10 "mobile workshops" highlighting historic neighborhoods, arts initiatives, public-private partnerships, revitalizing neighborhoods and more. For a copy of the conference schedule or a registration form contact Leslie Carhart at the City of Fort Lauderdale by e-mail (**LeslieC@ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us**); phone **(954) 762-8962**.

To download information, schedule or a registration form visit the City's web site (**www.ci.fort-lauderdale.fl.us**) or visit City of Orlando site (**www.cityoforlando.net**).



For Kids This Fall

The Big Truck Extravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mills Pond Park, 2201 NW 9th Ave. (Powerline Road). Children can explore their favorite big trucks and meet the people who operate them at this "hands-on, fun-filled event." Live demonstrations of fire trucks, police cars, monster SWAT units, school buses, and more will take place throughout this free event. Registration for the Youth Soccer programs at both Carter Park and Holiday Park will also be available throughout the day.

For additional information call **(954) 762-8941**.



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